

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/644,676

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 26 March 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-16 (renumbered claims 1-10).
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).


* Certified copies not received: CHINA 99 1 18909.4.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed March 26, 2004. The Examiner acknowledges the cancellation of claims 1-6 and the amendments to claims 7, 8 and 11-16. Claims 7-16 are pending.

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in China on August 25, 1999. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 99 1 18909.4 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 7-16 are allowed over the prior art of record.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 7-11, no prior art of record teach or fairly suggest a kit for determining the period of ovulation using vaginal secretions where the kit includes a transparent container, cotton sticks, a first component containing 5-8% by weight aqueous solution of a substance that can conduct a color reaction with hydrogen peroxide, and a second component of a 4-8% by weight aqueous solution of hydrogen peroxide, where the ratio between the first component and the second component is of 10-20:1 by volume.

Regarding claims 12-16, no prior art of record teach or fairly suggest a method for

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determining whether a subject is ovulating using vaginal secretions and a reactive mixture formed by a first component containing 5-8% by weight aqueous solution of a substance that can conduct a color reaction with hydrogen peroxide and a second component of a 4-8% by weight aqueous solution of hydrogen peroxide, where the ratio between the first component and the second component is of 10-20:1 by volume, and where the occurrence of a color reaction indicates that the subject is not ovulating.

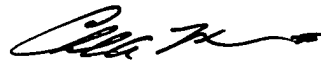
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles A. Marmor, II whose telephone number is (703) 305-3521. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH (7:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mary Beth Jones can be reached on (703) 308-3400. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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